

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) A disposable wearing article, comprising:

a holder member having a front waist region, a rear waist region and a crotch region extending in a longitudinal direction of said holder member between said waist regions, said holder member further having an upper surface adapted to contact a wearer's body in use and a lower surface adapted to contact said wearer's clothing in use; and

a bodily discharge receiving member removably retainable by said holder member;

wherein

said crotch region has in a transversely middle zone thereof a through-hole extending between said upper surface and said lower surface;

said receiving member comprises

an annular portion removably insertable from below said holder member through said through-hole so as to be located on the upper surface in the transversely middle zone of said crotch region for surrounding at least one of an anus and a urethral orifice of the wearer in use, said annular portion having inner and outer circumferential surfaces and a top surface connecting said inner and outer circumferential surfaces, said top surface being convex upward to define an upper circumferential edge that is rounded so as to facilitate the insertion of said annular portion from below said holder member through said through-hole; and

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a discharge containing portion joined to and in fluid communication with said annular portion for receiving bodily discharges flowing through said annular portion;

when said receiving member is retained by said holder member, said annular portion is located above the upper surface whereas said discharge containing portion is positioned below the lower surface; and

said discharge containing portion comprises

a top wall having an aperture in fluid communication with the annular portion;

a bottom wall exposed on the lower surface of said holder member to an outside of said wearing article, for allowing access to and exchange of said receiving member from the outside of said wearing article;

a side wall connecting the top wall and the bottom wall; and

an absorbent core containing absorbent material.

15. (Previously presented) The article according to claim 14, wherein the walls of said discharge containing portion are formed by a liquid-impervious and elastically stretchable sheet which renders said discharge containing portion enlargeable under a weight of the discharge received in said discharge containing portion.

16-18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) The article according to claim 14, wherein said annular portion includes a liquid-impervious top covering sheet bonded to the top wall of said discharge containing portion around said aperture, and flexible and elastically compressible material filled between said top covering sheet and the top wall of said discharge containing portion, and

a height of said annular portion, as measured upwardly from the top wall of said discharge containing portion, gradually increases toward at least one of longitudinally opposite ends of said annular portion.

20. (Previously presented) A bodily discharge receiving member for use with a holder member in a disposable wearing article, the holder member having a front waist region, a rear waist region and a crotch region extending in a longitudinal direction of said holder member between said waist regions, said holder member further having an upper surface adapted to contact a wearer's body in use and a lower surface adapted to contact said wearer's clothing in use, said crotch region having in a transversely middle zone thereof a through-hole extending between said upper surface and said lower surface, said bodily discharge receiving member being removably retainable by said holder member and comprising:

an annular portion removably insertable from below said holder member through said through-hole so as to be located on the upper surface in the transversely middle zone of said crotch region for surrounding at least one of an anus and a urethral orifice of the wearer in use, said annular portion having inner and outer circumferential surfaces and a top surface connecting said inner and outer circumferential surfaces, said top surface being convex upward to define an upper circumferential edge that is rounded so as to facilitate the insertion of said annular portion from below said holder member through said through-hole; and

a discharge containing portion joined to and in fluid communication with said annular portion for receiving bodily discharges flowing through said annular portion;

wherein

when said receiving member is retained by said holder member, said annular portion is located above the upper surface whereas said discharge containing portion is positioned below the lower surface; and

said discharge containing portion comprises

a top wall having an aperture in fluid communication with the annular portion;

a bottom wall adapted to be exposed on the lower surface of said holder member to an outside of said wearing article, for allowing access to and exchange of said receiving member from the outside of said wearing article;

a side wall connecting the top wall and the bottom wall; and

an absorbent core containing absorbent material, and

said annular portion comprises:

a liquid-impervious top covering sheet defining said inner and outer circumferential surfaces as well as said top surface, said liquid-impervious top covering sheet being bonded to the top wall of said discharge containing portion around said aperture; and

flexible and elastically compressible material filled between said top covering sheet and the top wall of said discharge containing portion.

21. (Previously presented) The receiving member according to claim 20, wherein the walls of said discharge containing portion are formed by a liquid-impervious sheet which is elastically stretchable;

said liquid-impervious sheet rendering said discharge containing portion enlargeable under a weight of the discharge received in said discharge containing portion.

22. (canceled)

23. (Previously presented) The receiving member according to claim 20, wherein said annular portion has

a front end segment adapted to be adjacent said front waist region in use, and

a rear end segment adapted to be adjacent said rear waist region in use,

wherein a height of said annular portion, as measured upwardly from the top wall of said discharge containing portion, gradually increases from the front end segment towards the rear end segment.

24. (Previously presented) The receiving member according to claim 20, wherein the walls of said discharge containing portion are formed by a liquid-impervious sheet which is not elastically stretchable but formed with gathers;

said liquid-impervious sheet rendering said discharge containing portion enlargeable under a weight of the discharge received in said discharge containing portion.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously presented) The article according to claim 14, wherein the walls of said discharge containing portion are formed by a liquid-impervious sheet which is not elastically stretchable but formed with gathers;

said liquid-impervious sheet rendering said discharge containing portion enlargeable under a weight of the discharge received in said discharge containing portion.

27. (Previously presented) The receiving member according to claim 23, wherein said height is maximal at an apex of the rear end segment on a longitudinal center line of said receiving member.

28. (Previously presented) The article according to claim 19, wherein said height is maximal at an apex on a longitudinal center line of said receiving member.